

Amendments to the Claims:

Revise the claims as set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A multimodal communication method comprising:

accessing a multimodal profile that contains at least multimodal preference information associated with at least one input modality and at least one output modality and at least one of:

an identifier associated with the multimodal preference information and multimodal preference information;

configuring at least one multimodal communication apparatus for a multimodal communication session based on the accessed multimodal preference information;

detecting an ambient condition level associated with the multimodal communication apparatus,

comparing the ambient condition level to ambient condition threshold data; and

selecting a multimodal input and output ~~setting~~modality for the multimodal communication apparatus based on the comparison.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein configuring the at least one multimodal communication apparatus for the multimodal communication session based on the accessed multimodal preference information includes using the at least one identifier to select one of a plurality of stored multimodal preferences from a multimodal profile.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2 including configuring at least one multimodal server for a multimodal communication session based on the selected multimodal preference information.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 including storing a plurality of multimodal preferences for a plurality of different modalities to create a multimodal profile.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 including:
creating at least one multimodal profile by:
presenting a user interface that receives input and output modality preference data to define differing multimodal preference information for a plurality of multimodal communication scenarios associated with a plurality of identifiers; and
storing received input and output modality preference data and associating an identifier to at least a pair of received input and output modality preference data.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifier associated with the multimodal preference information represents an environmental situation associated with a multimodal communication.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the multimodal preference information includes ambient condition threshold data associated with at least one identifier.

8. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the multimodal preference information includes at least one of: session preference information, media preference information including

format identifiers to facilitate control of a format of information sent or received during the multimodal communication, and input output modality preference data.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein available multimodal preference information is based on operational capabilities of at least one of: multimodal communication apparatus capabilities, communication network capabilities, ambient conditions, a server that is accessed by the multimodal communication apparatus and a service accessed by the multimodal communication apparatus.

11. (currently amended) A multimodal communication apparatus comprising:
a multimodal profile generator operative to access a multimodal profile that contains at least one of multimodal preference information associated with at least one input modality and at least one output modality and at least one of: an identifier associated with the multimodal preference information and multimodal preference information;

a multimodal communication apparatus configuration controller, operatively responsive to the accessed multimodal preference information, to configure a multimodal communication apparatus for a multimodal communication session based on the accessed multimodal preference information to detect an ambient condition level associated with the multimodal communication apparatus;

compare the ambient condition level to ambient condition threshold data; and

select a multimodal input and output ~~setting~~ modality for the multimodal communication apparatus based on the comparison.

12. (previously presented) The multimodal communication apparatus of claim 11 including:

a user interface, operatively coupled to the multimodal profile generator, that receives input and output modality preference data to define differing multimodal preference information for a plurality of multimodal communication scenarios associated with a plurality of identifiers; and

memory, operatively coupled to the multimodal profile generator, that stores received input and output modality preference data and an associated identifier that has been associated with at least a pair of received input and output modality preference data, as part of the multimodal profile.

13. (original) The multimodal communication apparatus of claim 12 wherein the multimodal communication apparatus configuration controller configures the multimodal communication apparatus for the multimodal communication session based on the accessed multimodal preference information using the at least one identifier to select one of a plurality of stored multimodal preferences from the multimodal profile.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A multimodal communication system comprising:

(a) a multimodal communication apparatus having:

a multimodal profile generator operative to access a multimodal profile that contains at least one of multimodal preference information associated with at least one input

modality and at least one output modality and at least one of: an identifier associated with the multimodal preference information and multimodal preference information;

a multimodal communication apparatus configuration controller, operatively responsive to the accessed multimodal preference information, to configure a multimodal communication apparatus for a multimodal communication session based on the accessed multimodal preference information, detect an ambient condition level associated with the multimodal communication apparatus;

compare the ambient condition level to ambient condition threshold data;

select a multimodal input and output ~~setting~~ modality for the multimodal communication apparatus based on the comparison; and

(b) a multimodal network element, operatively coupled to the multimodal communication apparatus, to provide information during a session with the multimodal communication apparatus.

16. (previously presented) The multimodal communication system of claim 15 including memory, operatively coupled to the multimodal communication apparatus, the memory containing received input and output modality preference data and an associated identifier that has been associated with at least a pair of received input and output modality preference data, as part of the multimodal profile.

17. (original) The multimodal communication system of claim 16 including memory, operatively coupled to the multimodal network element, the memory containing received input and output modality preference data and an associated identifier that has been associated with at

least a pair of received input and output modality preference data, as part of the multimodal profile.

18. (original) The multimodal communication system of claim 16 wherein the multimodal communication apparatus includes a user interface, operatively coupled to the multimodal profile generator, that receives input and output modality preference data to define differing multimodal preference information for a plurality of multimodal communication scenarios associated with a plurality of identifiers.

19. (canceled)

20. (original) The multimodal communication system of claim 15 wherein the multimodal profile is transferred between the multimodal communication apparatus and the multimodal network element.

21. (new) The multimodal communication method of claim 1 wherein selecting the multimodal input and output modality for the multimodal communication apparatus in response to the comparison includes selecting an input modality to be provided by an input interface and an output modality to be provided by an output interface.